(To Joseph Bonaparte.) Please give 30,000 francs to my wife. We have dropped here like a thunderbolt; the enemy didn't expect it, and hardly believe it yet.

87th, Ivrea:

I reached Ivrea last night. Everything is going as well as possible. I shall be back in Paris before the end of Prairial.

£9th. At Chivasso the First Consul reviewed the advance guard. He said to the S8th of the line: — You have spent two years on these mountains, often deprived of everything, and you have always done your work without a murmur. That is a good soldier's first duty. ~- The First Consul ordered that as a sign of his satisfaction with the good appearance of this demi-brigade it should be placed in the van at the next engagement. Two couriers have been intercepted, and it is clear that General Melas is still at Turin. The greater part of his army, which was tucked away at Nice, is making forced marches towards the Po.

80th,Verc6lli:

I leave to-night for Novara. To-morrow I shall reach the banks of the Ticino to see how we can get across; the river is very large and swift.

The advance guard remained at Chivasso the whole of the £0th. The enemy have moved all their available